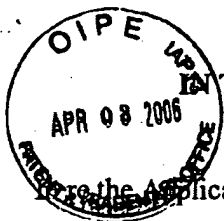


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This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action dated November 4, 2005 for the above-captioned patent application. Prior to further examination, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows: